

Amendments to the Specification:

In paragraph [0034], please replace the previously amended third (3rd) sentence as follows:

The term auto-induction is used to refer to the growth pattern of inducible-expression strains in ~~lactose-inducer~~containing media, where growth is essentially normal in the early stages, with little or no induction, and expression of the target protein is turned on automatically at a later stage of growth, with no intervention.

In Table I, please replace the top column heading line of the table as follows:

Na₂HPO₄ KH₂PO₄ NH₄Cl (NH₄)₂SO₄ Na₂SO₄ MgSO₄ FeCl₃ metl ZY 18aa Glyc Gluc Lact Succ